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SUBJECT: MARCOS CONTINUES EFFORT ISOLATE MNLF

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1. SPEAKING BEFORE AUDIENCE OF EDUCATORS APRIL 22, PRESIDENT MARCOS CLAIMED THAT THE "MOST IMPORTANT SOLUTION INITIATED BY THE GOVERNMENT THUS FAR IS THE TRANSFER OF POLITICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL OFFICIALS INTO MUSLIM HANDS." MARCOS CHIDED MEDIA FOR REPORTING MOST IMPORTANT REFORM HE HAD INITIATED WAS BRINGING MILITARY REBEL COMMANDERS INTO THE ARMED FORCES ALTHOUGH AT SAME TIME HE ANNOUNCED HE HAD ORGANIZED A NEW BATTALION COMPLETELY MANNED BY FORMER REBELS.

2. ADDRESSING MNLF PROBLEM, MARCOS SAID IF "LEADERS WERE REALLY POPULAR AMONG MUSLIM MASSES, THEY SHOULD RETURN TO THE PHILIPPINES TO NEGOTIATE." PRESIDENT DARED MNLF TO ANNOUNCE TO WORLD ANY BARRIO OR TOWN THEY OCCUPIED OR TERRI-
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TORY THEY CONTROLLED SO THAT GOP CAN SEND REPRESENTATIVES

THERE TO NEGOTIATE. NOTING THAT HE WAS SENDING REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER REBEL GROUPS AND HIS MUSLIM DIALOGUE PANEL TO NUR NISUARI'S HOME ISLAND, MARCOS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MUR WOULD APPEAR THERE AND OFFERED HIM SAFE CONDUCT.

3. PRESIDENT TOLD EDUCATORS HE HAD APPOINTED BG MAMINTAL LAO AS ACTING GOVERNOR OF LANA DEL SUR IN PLACE OF PRINCESS TARHATA LUCMAN. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED HE HAD RELIEVED THREE MAYORS IN LANA DEL SUR FOR ABUSE OF POWER IN TAKING OVER MUSLIM LANDS.

4. ASKED TO COMMENT ON MARCOS'S LATEST MOVES, MODERATE MUSLIM LEADER TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 22 THAT THEY SEEMED PRIMARILY WINDOW DRESSING. HE NOTED THAT REBEL LEADERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN "DIALOGUE" WERE EITHER SECOND STRINGERS OR HAD SURRENDERED LONG AGO. ORGANIZATION MARCOS ABOLISHED WEREN'T DOING ANYTHING ANYWAY. HE ALSO SAID TWO OF THE GOVERNORS MARCOS DISMISSED WANTED TO LEAVE TWO YEARS AGO.

5. COMMENT: MARCOS' APPEAL TO NUR NISUARI "TO COME OUT AND FIGHT" AND PROMISE OF "SAFE CONDUCT" IS IN BEST FILIPINO THEATRICAL TRADITION. GOP LINE NOW IS TO DISPARAGE NUR MISUARI AND FOLLOWERS "WHO LIVE LUXURIOUSLY ABROAD" AND ARE GUIDED BY FOREIGN POWER. IN WHAT WILL PROBABLY FORM A CONTINUING PATTERN AS GOVERNMENT ANTI-MNLF CAMPAIGN ESCALATES, MUSLIM MAGNATES IN DAVAO RECENTLY DENOUNCED NUR MISUARI, "SELF-ACCLAIMED LEADER OF THE MNLF", FOR MISREPRESENTING TRUE SENTIMENTS OF MUSLIM FILIPINOS AND APPEALED TO THEIR CO-RELIGIONISTS TO REPUDIATE NUR'S MOVES FOR SECESSION. MARCOS' "ALARUMS AND EXCURSIONS" UNDOUBTEDLY GRATE ON MNLF BUT IT IS APPARENTLY BIDDING ITS TIME.

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